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1. I AM OBTAINING CONFUSING AND CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT
IRIANESE REFUGEE ACTIVITY IN PNG.

2. INDONESIAN CONSUL GENERAL ROEDJITO TOLD ME TODAY THAT THERE
ARE SEVERAL SMALL IRIANESE GROUPS HERE, AND THEY ARE AT ODDS.
IRIANESE LEADERS FROM JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE RECENTLY
COME HERE FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THE REAL LEADERSHIP OF
THE FREE IRIAN MOVEMENT IS IN JAPAN AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN
THE NETHERLANDS, BUT NOT IN PNG. HE SAID THESE LEADERS FROM
ABROAD ARE TROUBLE MAKERS.

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3. ROEDJITO SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI, BEFORE BECOMING

FONMIN, HAD OPENLY ADVOCATED AN INDEPENDENT WEST PAPUA, BUT SINCE GOING INTO HIS PRESENT POSITION HAD ACCEPTED FACT THAT IRIAN JAYA IS INDONESIAN. HE PAUSED AND ADDED THAT KIKI HAS ACCEPTED THIS CONCEPT 95 PERCENT, BUT STILL 5 PERCENT BELIEVES IN AN INDEPENDENT WEST PAPUA (KIKI IS A PAPUAN).

4. ROEDJITO SAID KIKI HAD ESTABLISHED POLICY OF SENDING IRIANESE REFUGEES BACK TO INDONESIA (REFTEL A), AND HAD MADE FOUR TRIPS TO JAKARTA TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. HOWEVER, ROEDJITO SAID, KIKI IS NOT IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY. KIKI WAVERS, ROEDJITO SAID.

5. FURTHER, ROEDJITO SAID, KIKI, WHEN HE RECENTLY DECIDED TO DEAL WITH THE IRIANESE REFUGEES DIRECTLY, HAD APPROACHED A GROUP AT ODDS WITH THE OTHERS, AND HAD ANTAGONIZED THE MORE IMPORTANT GROUPS. THEREFORE HIS EFFORTS HAD COME TO NOTHING.

6. COMMENT: I SUSPECT KIKI TOLD ROEDJITO AND THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT WHAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DO, OR NOT TO DO, EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED. ROEDJITO OBVIOUSLY FEELS DISILLUSIONED ABOUT KIKI. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED IN REF A, ROEDJITO THOUGHT HE HAD KIKI IN HIS HIP POCKET; HE DOES NOT THINK SO NOW. END COMMENT.

7. SOME DAYS AFTER CONVERSATION REPORTED IN PORT MORESBY 0013, WITH HOLLOWAY, COUNSELOR OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICE, I RECEIVED CALL FROM MOMFRIES, HEAD OF POLITICAL SECTION OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICE, WHO SAID HE WANTED TO AMPLIFY HOLLOWAY'S COMMENTS. MOMFRIES HAS INDONESIAN WIFE AND IS PROBABLY CLOSE TO INDONESIANS HERE.

8. MOMFRIES SAID THERE HAD BEEN A SMALL MEETING OF IRIANESE AT THE HOME OF ONE OF THEM A FEW MONTHS AGO TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE IF IRIAN. SOMEONE HAD COME FROM HOLLAND FOR THE MEETING. I ASKED IF IT WERE CORRECT THAT JOUWE HAD COME HERE. MOMFRIES WAS MUCH TAKEN ABACK, SAYING THAT THIS WAS VERY CLOSELY HALD AND THE GPNG DID NOT WANT THIS KNOWN. I ASKED WHY JOUWE HAD COME, AND AFTER SOME HESITATION MOMFRIES SAID THERE WAS SOME HOPE OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE IRIANESE AND THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

9. MOMFRIES SAID GPNG HAD PLANNED A SEMINAR ON WEST IRIAN AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COLLEGE TO BE ATTENDED BY SENIOR DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICERS AND TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO DJYAPURA. THIS WAS CANCELLED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF INTEREST AND BECAUSE OF RELUCTANCE OF INDONESIANS TO HAVE GROUP OF PNG OFFICIALS IN DJAYAPURA.

10. DFRT OFFICIAL HANDLING INDONESIAN AFFAIRS IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I WILL TALK WITH HIM UPON HIS RETURN.
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